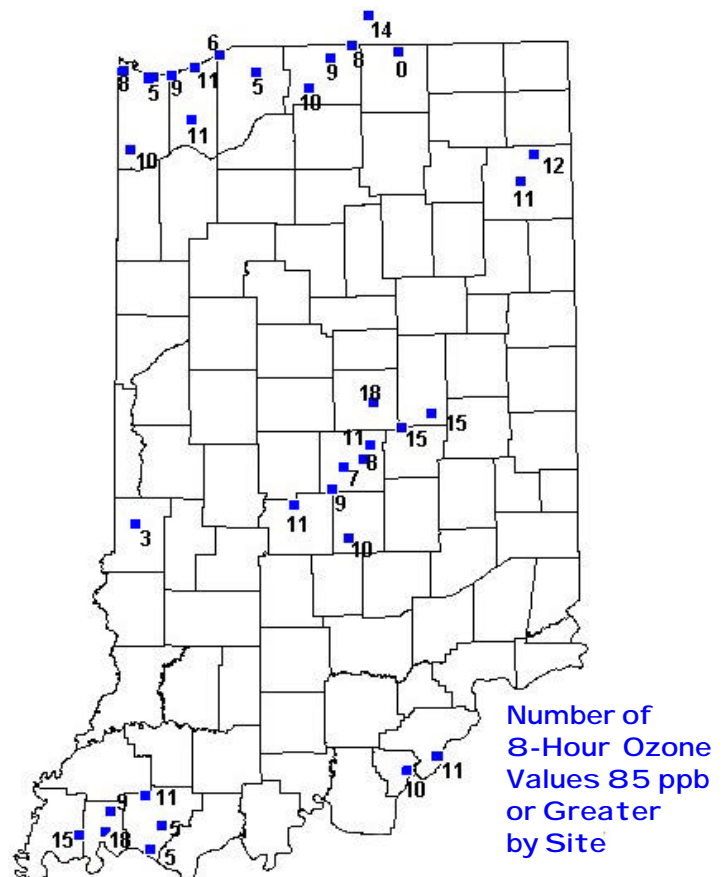
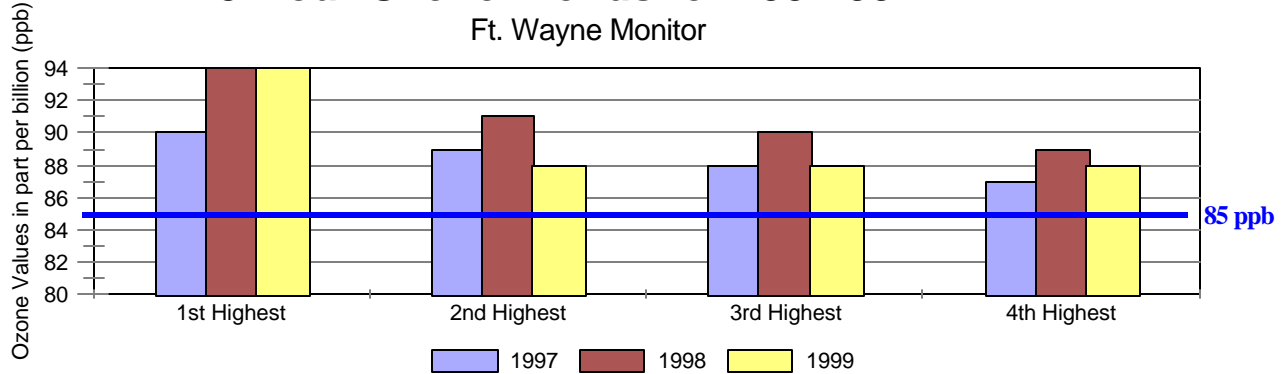


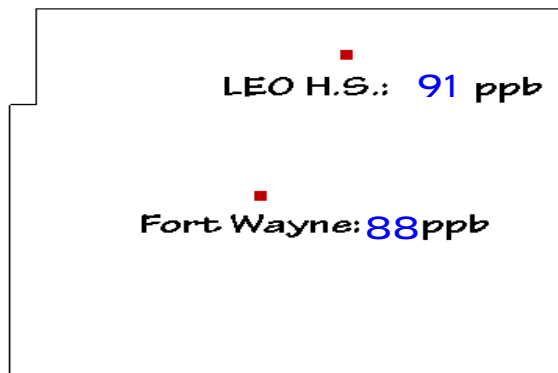
Season Report



8-Hour Ozone Trends for 1997-99



Allen County 1999 Ozone Readings 4th Highest 8-Hour



Since 1997, Allen County's highest ozone readings have occurred at the Ft. Wayne monitor. The chart above illustrates the top four ozone values for 1997-99. This area may be at risk of being classified nonattainment by US EPA based on 1997-99 data. The eight-hour standard was violated at this site on September 2, 1999, with a 4th highest reading of 88 ppb. IDEM and the Allen County Regional Steering Committee worked to identify steps to reduce ozone levels in Allen County in 1998 - 1999.

What Can You Do?

1. Get active in ozone planning for your community. IDEM established seven Regional Ozone Steering Committees in 1998 to take a proactive approach to ozone planning. Allen

County's Regional Steering Committee developed an Ozone Awareness Committee to educate Allen County residents about the causes and effects of ground-level ozone pollution. Call IDEM at the number listed below, or the Ft. Wayne Chapter of the American Lung Association for more information on how to get involved.

2. Get in the know about ozone levels. During ozone season, listen or watch for Ozone Action Day information on your local radio and TV stations. You can even get daily ozone readings, forecasts, and monitor data from Indiana's Smog Watch web sites. During Indiana's ozone season, check out the Smog Watch Web site at <http://www.state.in.us/idem/oam/smog> or call our toll-free Smog Watch Forecast Line at (800) 631-2871.

3. Reduce your impact. Ride share; fill up the car or mow your lawn after dusk; and go inside the bank or restaurant instead of using the drive-thru. By making these efforts you can help reduce your impact on high ozone days. For more information on Indiana's ground-level ozone monitoring or voluntary reductions programs, contact Amy Morris, Partners for Clean Air, Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (800) 451-6027, ask for extension 3-6870 or amorris@dem.state.in.us.

